

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of February 11, 2008 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1, 2 and 10 are amended to specify that the authentication code is generated by applying a combination of exclusive OR and one-way functions to the action/message and parameter/identifier. Support for these amendments can be found at paragraphs [5799]-[5851] of the present specification; and
dependent claims 3-9 and 11-15 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

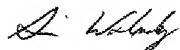
Regarding 35 USC 102(e) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1, 2 and 10, and claims 3-9 and 11-15 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Collins, because Collins specifically discloses that exclusive OR functions are not suitable for the combination process 504 (see col. 9, lines 7-9), and in any case, does not disclose or suggest to applying a combination of exclusive OR and one-way functions, as required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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